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St. Lucie County

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**A Monthly Update of
Current Events and
Happenings within
St. Lucie County**

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Board of County Commission Special Meetings & Workshops Scheduled

- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop to discuss ESL/Greenways/Open Space Potential Purchases on Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room #3, County Administration Annex Building.
- The Lincoln Park Summit Public Input and Follow-up, will be held Thursday, September 9, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at Lincoln Park Academy, 1806 Avenue I
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold the Preliminary FY 2005 Budget Public Hearing on September 9, 2004 at 5:05 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on the second reading of proposed Ordinance 04-021 (amending IL-Industrial Light and U – Utilities) to add off road vehicle parks on Monday, September 13, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on the Treasure Coast Land Clearing/Treasure Coast Tractor conditional use permits on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold the Final Public Hearing FY 2005 Budget Public Hearing on September 16, 2004 at 5:05 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop to discuss growth issues with Indian River County on September 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the Richardson Center, located at the Indian River Community College Mueller Campus, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Adams Ranch Equestrian Center Scheduled

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Adams Ranch Equestrian Arena on Friday, August 27th at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds are located at 15601 West Midway Road - at the intersection of Midway Road and Okeechobee Road - in Fort Pierce.

The new 75,000 square foot center cost \$1.1 million to build with \$350,000 coming from Mr. Alto "Bud" Adams for naming rights, a \$66,540 donation from The Ginn Company, and the rest of the funding coming from Investment for the Future funds and loan proceeds. The contractor for the project was the Ahrens Company. The center will be available for equestrian events such as barrel racing, horse shows and rodeos and will also be available for other types of events such as concerts.

Zora Fest! Scheduled for October 1-2, 2004

The St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Council in conjunction with St. Lucie County Parks and Recreation, the St. Lucie County Library System, Indian River Community College, the City of Fort Pierce and the St. Lucie County School Board presents Zora Fest! A two-day festival of entertainment, children's activities, food vendors, literary readings and more on Friday, October 1, 2004 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 2, 2004 starting at 10:00 a.m. at Lincoln Park Academy, in Fort Pierce.

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Two Ground Breaking Ceremonies to Take Place this Month

The Board of County Commissioners will host a Ground Breaking Ceremony for the St. Lucie County Jail Expansion on Monday, August 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Lucie County Jail located at 900 North Rock Road in Fort Pierce. Construction on the \$20.5 million project will be completed during the summer of 2005 and the contractors and design/build team are Centex Rooney/SchenkelShultz.

Additionally, the Board of County Commissioners will hold a Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Lakewood Park Regional Park on Saturday, August 28th at 9:00 a.m. on the Northwest Corner of the park on Emerson Avenue. In October 2003, the Board of County Commissioners approved the development of a design build package for the Lakewood Park Regional Park. In an effort to expedite the project, the Board also approved a work agreement with Hazen & Sawyer for the site development, permitting documents and building design of the Park. The 157 acre regional park will offer active recreation activities including soccer, baseball and swimming and passive recreation activities including a nature trail, picnic facilities and wildlife observation. The total cost of the project is \$11 million and funding comes from the St. Lucie County Parks Referendum and the Florida Communities Trust.

Explore Local Diverse Cultures at Calabash

"Rendezvous at Calabash"—a folk life and cultural celebration sponsored by "Faces and Voices of St. Lucie County" is scheduled for Saturday, August 28th. The all-day event will be from 10 am until 7 pm at Harbor Place, 9200 Jennings Road in Port St. Lucie. Performances of music and dance, demonstrations of arts and crafts, samples of ethnic food, history and educational exhibits, story telling, readings and lectures will highlight the event. Admission is free and all are invited to explore and enjoy the colorful, diverse cultures of the Florida Seminoles and the West Indies/Caribbean Islanders, as well as mainland cultures. Partners for the event include St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs, Harbor Place, St. Lucie County Historical Museum and St. Lucie Historical Society. For further information on "Rendezvous at Calabash," please contact Faces and Voices of St. Lucie County, Inc. at 217 N.E. Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie or call 223-4444 or (772) 569-3420 ext. 127.

Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

St. Lucie River Tour Guided Canoe/Kayak Tours ~ Saturday, August 21 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ~ Come on out and enjoy the beautiful St. Lucie River. Cost is \$10 per person. Pre-payment is required. Children ages 5-7 are free.

St. Lucie Regional Herpetological Society ~ Wednesday, August 18 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. ~ Join the members of St. Lucie's premier herp society to learn about snakes, lizards, frogs and more.

Beach Clean-Up ~ Saturday, August 28 ~ 8:00 a.m.-noon ~ Think globally and ACT locally! Join in the 16th Annual International Beach Clean-up and be part of clean-ups taking place across the globe sponsored by OneWildWorld. Interested participants should meet at Surfside Park on South Hutchinson to pick up data card, bags and gloves. Post Clean-up Party is being held at Jaycee Park. Call Lee Hedrick at (772) 336-9252 or email her at OneWildWorld@aol.com for more information and to RSVP.

Spookfest ~ Saturday, October 30 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. ~ Mark your calendars now for some Ghoulish Halloween fun at the Oxbow.

Lawnwood Stadium Bleacher Restoration Approved

The St. Lucie County Commissioners approved a \$676,000 contract with Sunrise Systems of Brevard Inc. to renovate the concrete bleachers at Lawnwood Stadium. Commissioners accepted a \$200,000 check from State Rep. Gayle Harrell on behalf of the state at their August 10th meeting to help pay for the renovations. The funding for the Lawnwood Stadium renovations comes from the St. Lucie County Parks Referendum.

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